# How-To Find Genuine Windows License Key

Managing Windows software licenses are really cumbersome as they still are sold in brick & mortar shops. Most of the Computer Software comes in a CD package physical form which could get lost or damaged & would ultimately lead to loss of Windows License Key associated with the package.

This method showcases how to find the product key which is hidden from normal user.

We don’t entertain the viewers to make copies of licensed keys from other PC’s & use it for commercial purposes.

Latest Computers normally have UEFI Boot options which embed the Windows OEM License key in the UEFI Boot Settings, so even though the computer has been clean formatted, the user doesn’t have to go through the hassle of entering the 25 Digit Alphanumeric key again & again. OEM’s hardcode the Genuine License key into the hardware level of abstraction for security reasons. Still there is workaround of finding the key which you desired to store in any format you want be it Text or image etc.

Steps to be followed Level: Basic

Below are the Steps to be followed:

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// Script

Set WshShell = CreateObject("WScript.Shell")

MsgBox ConvertToKey(WshShell.RegRead("HKLM\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows NT\CurrentVersion\DigitalProductId"))

Function ConvertToKey(Key)

Const KeyOffset = 52

i = 28

Chars = "BCDFGHJKMPQRTVWXY2346789"

Do

Cur = 0

x = 14

Do

Cur = Cur \* 256

Cur = Key(x + KeyOffset) + Cur

Key(x + KeyOffset) = (Cur \ 24) And 255

Cur = Cur Mod 24

x = x -1

Loop While x >= 0

i = i -1

KeyOutput = Mid(Chars, Cur + 1, 1) & KeyOutput

If (((29 - i) Mod 6) = 0) And (i <> -1) Then

i = i -1

KeyOutput = "-" & KeyOutput

End If

Loop While i >= 0

ConvertToKey = KeyOutput

End Function

// Script Ended.

1. Paste the script in the notepad or equivalent text editor & not word processor. Just use the default plain text editor like "Notepad".
2. Under “File” Menu click “Save As” (“productkey.vbs”) with File Extension as “All Files”
3. When the file is saved, run the command & then you would be presented with the License key of the computer.

We have tested it thoroughly on Windows 7, 8, 8.1 & 10. Feel free to let us know your feedback.

It is pretty good way of finding the key rather than downloading other third party application to search for the key & display it or very efficient compared to searching key strings in Registry editor which is stored in Binary format. We shouldn’t trust 3rd Party Applications as they could send your key online for other malicious purposes so beware of these kinds of phishing attacks or malwares.

With this tutorial you may be able to recover your lost genuine windows key & this time would store it in a digital locker or Password Manager like “1Password” or “LastPass”.

If you have found another easy way, then please let us know below in the comment section.